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Chief Executive Officer

September 20, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
EASTERN AVENUE HILL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION – AWARD AGREEMENT
CAPITAL PROJECT NUMBER 86970
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

These actions will allow the Department of Public Works to complete the design documents, and to obtain jurisdictional approvals for the landfill gas control system at the Eastern Avenue Hill Complex.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the Eastern Avenue Hill Complex Landfill Gas Control System Project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act as the Project consists of minor clean up action taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of a hazardous waste or substance.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute an agreement with SCS Engineers to provide environmental engineering services for the Project for a \$335,000 not-to-exceed fee, which will be funded by the Eastern Avenue Hill Improvements Project (Capital Project Number 86970).

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to design a Landfill Gas (LFG) control system for the Eastern Avenue Hill Complex.

In 2010, your Board established the Eastern Avenue Hill Improvements Project (Project) to address the known deficiencies at Eastern Hill that are deemed to be public health and safety concerns. These deficiencies include erosion of the slopes, existing storm drain blockages, and LFG generation at the County-owned Blanchard Landfill and the privately-owned Cogen Landfills. The approved Project will also provide enhanced landscape and hardscape and civic art to beautify the southern slope, which are currently underway in design.

Your Board authorized Public Works to proceed with LFG monitoring activities in an effort to gather the necessary data to be used to determine the appropriate LFG mitigation measures for this area. Public Works completed the LFG monitoring activities at various locations on site and presented this data to the local jurisdictional agencies for review. This collected data indicated that the County-owned Blanchard Landfill was generating sustained methane gas concentrations that would require the installation of an LFG control system to better control these LFGs.

Public Works has completed its solicitation process to obtain an environmental engineer to provide an LFG control system design and provide Project support services. Representatives from the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and Public Works participated in the competitive selection process.

SCS Engineers (SCS) was selected as the environmental engineer for this Project based on their experience and qualifications. SCS has submitted a proposal to provide their services for a \$335,000 not-to-exceed fee. These services will include all environmental, civil, electrical, structural, and mechanical design, construction administration, and support services.

Upon completion of the LFG control system design, we will return to your Board with recommendations to adopt, advertise, and award the contract for construction of the LFG control system or use Job Order Contracts previously approved by your Board as applicable.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by improving the efficiency, quality, and responsiveness of County services to all residents. It also directs that we ensure Children, Family and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2) by enhancing the ability of families to live in safe, stable, and supportive communities. We are also directed to improve Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by improving services and overall performance in response to each community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total Project cost, including plans and specifications, plan check, construction, change orders, consultant fees, miscellaneous expenditures, Civic Art allocation, and County services, is currently estimated to be \$27,131,000. SCS has agreed to provide environmental engineering services for a \$335,000, total not-to-exceed fee for the Project.

The recommended contract award for environmental engineering services will be funded by net County cost currently appropriated in the 2011-12 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget under Capital Project Number 86970 (Eastern Avenue Hill Improvements).

The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in the Attachment.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for award of this agreement, SCS is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunities for Work (GAIN/GROW) participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language will be incorporated into the Project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees about Board Policy 5.135, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under Federal income tax laws.

SCS is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program), Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program), and Chapter 2.206 (Defaulted Tax Reduction Program).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Project has been reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15330 Class 30, as the Project consists of minor clean up action taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of a hazardous waste or substance. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Register-Recorder/County Clerk.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Public Works solicited proposals on April 14, 2011, for professional and technical services. The solicitation was advertised online on the Los Angeles County web page "Doing Business With Us" in accordance with your Board's policy. Three companies responded to the solicitation of proposals.

Representatives from Public Works and CEO reviewed the responses based on the firm's qualifications and recommended SCS for final award of agreement.

SCS has agreed to provide the recommended services for a \$335,000 not-to-exceed fee. The construction administration portion of the fee will be billed during the construction phase only after authorization to proceed with construction has been granted. The negotiated fee has been reviewed by Public Works and is considered reasonable for the scope of work.

SCS's Community Business Enterprises participation data and three-year contracting history are on file with Public Works.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on Public Works contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

Public Works will take the appropriate measures to minimize any impacts on departmental operations for County functions located on Eastern Hill during completion of this Project.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and the Department of Public Works, Project Management Division II.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Arts Commission
Auditor-Controller
Public Works

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ATTACHMENT

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Completion Date
Project Design	
Construction Documents Jurisdictional Approvals	01/03/12 05/18/12
Construction	
Substantial Completion Acceptance	03/21/13 04/03/13

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Eastern Avenue Hill Complex Project Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Construction	
Construction	\$14,066,000
Bid Contingency	\$ 0
Change Orders	\$ 1,709,500
Departmental Crafts	\$ 0
Youth Employment	\$ 0
Construction Consultants	\$ 0
Misc. Expense	\$ 0
Civic Arts	\$ 175,000
Subtotal	\$15,950,500
Equipment	\$ 0
Plans and Specifications	\$ 1,700,000
Consultant Services	
Deputy Inspection	\$ 295,000
Site Planning	\$ 0
Hazardous Materials	\$ 0
Geotech/Soils Test	\$ 0
Material Testing	\$ 200,000
Cost Estimating	\$ 0
Topographic Surveys	\$ 0
Construction Management	\$ 0
Construction Administration	\$ 0
Environmental	\$ 2,000,000
Move Management	\$ 0
Equipment Planning	\$ 0
Legal	\$ 0
Contract/Change Order	\$ 0
Other	\$ 0
Subtotal	\$ 2,495,000

PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY (continued)

Miscellaneous Expenditures	
Office of Affirmative Action	\$ 25,000
Printing	\$ 10,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 10,000
Subtotal	\$ 45,000
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permit	
Regional Planning	\$ 20,000
SCAQMD	\$ 100,000
Public Health	\$ 100,000
Building and Safety Plan Check	\$ 116,000
Subtotal	\$ 336,000
County Services	
Code Compliance Inspection	\$ 120,000
Quality Control Inspection	\$ 120,000
Design Review	\$ 0
Design Services	\$ 0
Contract Administration	\$ 150,000
Project Management	\$ 685,000
Project Management Support Services	\$ 0
ISD Job Order Contract Management	\$ 0
DPW Job Order Contract Management	\$ 0
ISD ITS Communications	\$ 0
Project Security	\$ 0
Project Technical Support	\$ 30,000
County Counsel	\$ 0
Other	\$ 0
Consultant Contract Recovery	\$ 280,000
Design Services	\$ 0
Subtotal	\$ 1,385,000
Project Contingency	\$ 5,219,500
Total	\$27,131,000